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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

STROBEL ET AL.

Examiner

Fiona T. Powers

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2,4,5,9 and 10 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3 and 6-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/29/03, 11/2/05
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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Receipt is acknowledged of the information disclosure statements filed September 29, 2003 and November 2, 2005, which have been entered in the file.

Applicant's election with traverse of Group II, Claims 1, 6, 7 and 8 where X is S and claim 3 in the reply filed on October 26, 2005 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the claimed compounds have a substantial structural feature and share a common utility. This is not found persuasive because the heterocyclic ring bound to the amide group can vary since X can be NR^{30} , S, O, CH=CH , N=CH or CH=N .

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claims 2, 4, 5, 9 and 10 stand withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on October 26, 2005.

Claim 3 is objected to because of the following informalities: claim 3 does not end in a period. Appropriate correction is required.

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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ritchey (US 4560549), cited or Alanine et al. (WO 01/97786), cited by applicants.

The references disclose the claimed compounds and pharmaceutical compositions where X is S and R⁵ is phenyl or heteroaryl. Note Compound (b) of the abstract of Ritchey and Examples 1-25, 27-38, 41-45, 48-51, 53-63 and 66-75 of Alanine et al.

Claims 1, 3, 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kume et al. (US 4675331) or Ueno et al. (US 6020470) or Petrie et al. (US 6342514) or British Patent 1,345,552 or British Patent 1,596,383, cited.

The references disclose the claimed compounds where X is S and R⁵ is phenyl, naphthyl or heteroaryl. Note Examples 1 to 3 and Compound Nos. 3-5, 15-27 and 29-33 of Table 1 and Comparative compound A in column 9 of Kume et al.; Example 14 in column 19 of Ueno et al.; the benzothiazole compounds of Drawing

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Sheet Nos. 23,, 24, 33, 47-49, 53-57 and 72 of Petrie et al.;
Example Nos. 3, 7-12, 16, 17, 22 and 23 of Tables I-III of
British Patent 1,345,552; and Compound Nos. 4, 10, 18 and 21 of
British Patent 1,596,383.

Claims 1, 3, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as
being anticipated by Henzi (US 2399026) or Abe et al. (US
4929623), cited.

The references disclose the claimed compounds and
pharmaceutical compositions where X is S and R⁵ is phenyl,
naphthyl or heteroaryl. Note Examples 1 to 4 of Henzi; and
Example 5 in column 27 and Compound Nos. 51, 54, 55 and 56 of
Table 5 in columns 39-40 of Abe et al.

The references made of record and not relied upon show the
state of the art.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier
communications from the examiner should be directed to Fiona T.
Powers whose telephone number is 571-272-0702. The examiner can
normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are
unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph K. McKane can be
reached on 571-272-0699. The fax phone number for the
organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is
571-273-8300.

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